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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION STUDY OF UGANDAN HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 5781 (NOTAL), (B) USUN 2477

1. REF (B) REPORTS AGREEMENT ON CHOICE OF JUSTICE CHARLES
D. ONYEAMA TO SERVE AS "EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITY" UNDER
34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) DECISION TO UNDERTAKE
A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO HUMAN
RIGHTS IN UGANDA.

2. SUGGEST DALLEY NOTE INTEREST OF USG AS MEMBER OF HRC
IN TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF 34TH HRC DECISION. DECISION
CALLS FOR A REPORT BY THE EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITY TO
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THE HRC "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL."
OUR HOPE IS THAT THE THOROUGH STUDY WILL BE READY BY THE
NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE HRC, SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY-
MARCH 1979. DALLEY MIGHT ALSO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION
FOR INTEREST AND COOPERATION SHOWN BY NIGERIAN REP ON HRC
IN FORMULATION OF MEASURES WHICH WOULD ALLOW HRC TO DEAL
EFFECTIVELY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN UGANDA AND

EXPRESS HOPE THAT MEASURES WHICH HRC HAS NOW SET IN MOTION
AND WHICH WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON SUCCESS OF EFFORTS OF

JUSTICE ONYEAMA WILL RESULT IN AN IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION IN UGANDA. VANCE

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